

"Railroad BBQ" on Hampton Street, in the shadows of Benedict College and Allen University. The restaurant is adorned with political posters and created a space for enjoying fulfilling food and conversation. Despite opening at the early onset of COVID, it quickly became a cornerstone of the community.

Throughout his life, Kevin was a highly involved member of the community, offering support to families who had lost loved ones to poverty, violence, drug use, or were imprisoned. In formal civic roles he served as head of the Rainbow Coalition, a civil rights organization originally founded by Rev. Jackson and led protests against apartheid in South Africa. He also served eight terms as President of the South Carolina American Civil Liberties Union, and for four years on the national board of the American Civil Liberties Union. He was a key voice in advocating for the removal of the confederate flag from the dome of the South Carolina State House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the inspiring life of Kevin Gray. Throughout his life, he remained steadfast in his dedication to his state and furthering the opportunities of all who lived there. His commitment to public service touched the lives of all who knew him, and he will remain cemented in the bedrock of Columbia, South Carolina forever.

HONORING THE LIVES OF CORPORAL BENJAMIN COOPER AND OFFICER JAKE REED

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2023

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of Corporal Benjamin Lee Cooper and Officer Jake Alexander Reed, who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in the line of duty to the Joplin community.

Cpl. Cooper served his country as part of the U.S. Army for eight years and was stationed in Alaska and Hawaii during his service. Following his service in the military, he started a 19-year career in law enforcement beginning with the Joplin Police Department in 2003. He then served as a Sheriff's Deputy in Colorado, before ultimately returning to Joplin. Cpl. Cooper was an avid bowhunter, fisherman, and family man. He is survived by his wife and 2 daughters.

Officer Reed graduated with Honors from MSSU and became a Joplin Police Officer upon graduation. Officer Reed served with the Joplin Police Department for five years. He loved gaming, mountain biking, golfing, and spending time with his family and friends. Officer Reed's commitment to service continues as he spread the gift of life to several recipients as a vital organ donor. He is survived by his wife.

Both lives gone too soon, both lives we must remember forever. Their service to Joplin has left a lasting impact on our community and we owe them an eternal debt of gratitude.

On behalf of Southwest Missouri, I join the Joplin community today in honoring their lives, memory, and lasting impact they will forever have on our community.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT MAJOR JASON M. CANTU

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2023

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Sergeant Major Jason M. Cantu, who is retiring after 30 years of service to the United States Marine Corps.

Sergeant Major Cantu enlisted in the Marine Corps in December of 1992 and completed his recruit training in September of 1993. Following his training at the School of Infantry, he was assigned as an infantry machine gunner.

Throughout his 30 years of service, Sergeant Major Cantu has been deployed all over the world. In his early years as a Marine, he worked in Cuba to help Haitian and Cuban migrant's humanitarian missions as well as being deployed to South America and West Africa as a part of an air/ground task force and training float.

He was later reassigned Bravo Company 1st Battalion 2nd Marine Regiment where he was a machinegun section leader and deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. During this tour, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal, then Sergeant. After a brief stint with the Weapons Training Battalion in Quantico, VA, he returned to the 1st Battalion 2nd Marine Regiment in September 2000. While with the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment Sergeant Major Cantu, then a Sergeant, served as a section leader for the Combined Anti Armor Team. A year later, the battalion deployed to Okinawa, then Guam, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Then, in January 2003, the battalion deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After serving as a Drill Instructor School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA, Cantu was assigned to the U.S. Naval Mission in Bogota, Colombia. After a stint in Colombia, and then Chile as a Marine Corps representative to the Chilean Marine Corps, Cantu was promoted to First Sergeant in September of 2008. He was deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom 9.1 as the Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Company First Sergeant.

Sergeant Major Cantu rose to his current rank in May 2013 and currently serves as the Squadron Sergeant Major for a Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron.

Sergeant Major Cantu's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with V and three gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars and the Combat Action Ribbon.

He is the son of a 21-year career Marine and a brother to 7 siblings, 6 of whom also served in the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy and are comprised of non-commissioned and commissioned officers.

Our country owes the men and women of the United States military an enormous debt of gratitude, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sergeant Major Cantu. It is service men like him that safeguard our liberties and allow the people of this great nation to live under a blanket of freedom.

On behalf of the people of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, we appreciate his outstanding leadership and unwavering com-

mitment to his country. It is my honor to congratulate Sergeant Major Cantu on a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MASTER TROOPER JAMES BAILEY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2023

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Indiana State Master Trooper James R. Bailey, who was killed in the line of duty last Friday, March 3.

A native of Auburn, Indiana, Bailey was a decorated, nearly 16-year veteran of the Indiana State Police force who was named Trooper of the Year for District 12 in 2012 and earned the combat "Action Award" in 2021.

But Bailey's spiritedness and sense of duty wasn't confined to his squad car. In 2010, Bailey was off-duty and leaving lunch from a restaurant with his wife when an 87-year-old man collapsed in the parking lot. He and his wife Amy, a nurse, rendered CPR and saved the man's life. Three times, he was diagnosed with cancer. Three times, he beat it. "I'm pretty stubborn," Bailey said. "You have two options. One is to go into a corner and pout. The second is to fight and be stubborn." That's who James Bailey was: A public servant dedicated to the last, and a warrior whose triumphs he insisted be understated.

In response to being called a hero, Trooper Bailey demurred, "It's what we do, it's what we are trained to do, and that's why we get into this profession." But I want to be very clear, especially to his children, Joseph and Sophia: Their dad was a hero. That is how he will be remembered.

We will never forget his service and sacrifice to Northeast Indiana. God bless the Bailey family and God bless all law enforcement officers who risk their lives every day to keep our families and communities safe.

RECOGNIZING CFMA AWARD WINNERS—TIMOTHY HESS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timothy Hess of Azteca-Omega Group. Timothy is a champion in the multi-dimensional, elaborate industry of construction management. He is a distinguished awardee for Executive of the Year from the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA).

CFMA is a figurehead in the construction industry by virtue of its support for financial managers through networking, educational, and informational services. CFMA grants more opportunities and resources to empower advanced, innovative development of infrastructure in the prosperous district of TX-24. Timothy has made a significant impact on his company, industry, and colleagues in North Texas. He has been recognized by CFMA as a leader within the community that empowers

his cohorts and initiates an efficient, responsible workplace atmosphere. Timothy's exceptional professionalism has permitted his company, community, and industry to flourish.

Congratulations to Timothy on earning this high recognition for all his impressive work.

TRIBUTE TO KRIS JORDAN

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2023

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of Kristopher W. Jordan of Ostrander, who died unexpectedly at the age of 46 on February 25. Kris ably served the people of Delaware County in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Kris was a man of strong faith and strong conservative credentials. He was a leader of the pro-life movement in the General Assembly and a champion of smaller government throughout his time in government service, which included 8 years in the Ohio Senate and 6 as Delaware County Commissioner.

His dedication and connection to the people of his district was so strong that he would knock on thousands of doors each election season even when running unopposed.

Mr. Speaker, we are grateful that good men like Kris Jordan are willing to dedicate themselves to public service. We offer his family and especially his 3 children—Macy, David, and Everly—our deepest condolences at this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING ROSEANNE BUTLER-SMITH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Roseanne Butler-Smith on her retirement from many years of dedication and service to Western New York's Public Libraries.

Roseanne began her career in 1987, working part-time at the Lancaster Public Library and was appointed a full-time librarian in January 1988. She continued her career moving throughout our vital public libraries, serving as Library Director for the Cities of Tonawanda, Clarence and Amherst. She also served as a member of the New York State Library Association, American Library Association, and Public Library Association. Throughout her

time, she always put the needs of the library patrons first, ensuring that these public resources could continue to provide meaningful service to the members of their communities.

During her time as Library Director for the Town of Amherst, budget cuts eliminated funding for the Williamsville Public Library. Roseanne was responsible for helping to keep its doors open through various creative fundraising efforts. These included hosting the Winter Gala. This annual fundraiser started in 2012 and has grown tremendously over the years, successfully raising thousands of dollars for the Williamsville branch. Other fundraising efforts included hot dog sales at the Glen Park Arts Festivals and raffle events. Roseanne even delayed her retirement to ensure she could oversee the completion of the Audubon expansion—an anecdote that perfectly encapsulates the commitment she showed to our library system.

Today, I ask that you join me in celebrating Roseanne Butler-Smith on her retirement and unwavering dedication to Western New York. She has made extraordinary contributions over her career, ensuring that these libraries stay open and operating for all members of the community to enjoy. I'm confident that Roseanne's retirement will be marked by spending time with her husband Gordie and their children, traveling, and as always, settling down with a good book.

HONORING RETIRED COLONEL GUY KENT TROY FOR A LIFETIME OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Colonel Guy Kent Troy for a lifetime of exemplary service to our nation.

After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1946, Col. Troy was commissioned as an Armor Officer and began 30 years of dedicated military service on assignment with the Constabulary Force in Germany. In some of his most impressive achievements in the military, he would go on to serve as the Advisor for Iranian Armored and Cavalry Units in Iran, the G2, Intelligence Officer with the 25th Infantry Division during the Tet Offensive in Vietnam, and the Defense Attaché in Austria. Col. Troy also served in numerous other positions in Germany and the U.S. prior to retiring from the military in 1976. He then returned to his family's property in Liberty, NC, where he resides to this day, and dedicated himself to his community as a farm-

er after attending North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

In addition to his distinguished military service, Col. Troy also served our nation as a world-class athlete. He was stationed at West Point in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment after returning from Germany in 1950 to train for the 1952 Modern Pentathlon Team. This event consists of horse riding and jumping, fencing, swimming, running, and pistol shooting. His team won gold in the 1951 Pan American Games and finished fourth in the 1952 Olympics in Finland. His work ethic, determination, and success on the international stage represents the very best of our nation and serves as inspiration for all.

On March 15, 2023, Col. Troy will turn 100 years old. I would like to extend to him my most heartfelt appreciation for his indispensable service and leadership as an American soldier, athlete, and farmer over the course of his lifetime. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing him and his family the best going forward.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring retired Colonel Guy Kent Troy for his outstanding service and leadership to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING CFMA AWARD WINNERS—CAROLYN BRISTER

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 10, 2023

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carolyn Brister of Momentum Mechanical. Carolyn is a groundbreaker in the complex, multifaceted industry of construction management. She is an honorable awardee of the Chairman's Coin and the Bob Moulder Award from the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA).

CFMA is a figurehead in the construction industry by virtue of its support for financial managers through networking, educational, and informational services. CFMA grants more opportunities and resources to empower advanced, innovative development of infrastructure in the prosperous district of TX-24. Carolyn paves the way to progress the mission of CFMA off the back of her prudent contributions and momentous partaking. The Chairman's Coin is awarded to exceptional professionals that exemplify their service and distinction to CFMA. Carolyn has earned her marks amongst an elite group of associates.

Congratulations to Carolyn on earning this high recognition for all her impressive work.